

First Baptist Church Montgomery

BEACON

BRING THEM IN...BUILD THEM UP...SEND THEM OUT

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say yes to
VBS



June 23-27 | 9 AM to Noon

REGISTRATION

Registration is open each morning of VBS. Each child must have turned 4 by September 1, 2024 to attend. Visit the website to download the registration form.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts will be available for pickup this Sunday in the Welcome Center and each morning of VBS in the sanctuary foyer.

VBS FAMILY NIGHT

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 | 5:15 TO 7:15 PM

Join us in the main sanctuary for our VBS Review. Our preschoolers and children will lead us in worship with the songs and verses they learned during VBS. Then, we will take our celebration outside for a Fun Family Fellowship in the Adams Avenue Parking Lot.

montgomeryfbc.org/vbs

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

I originally wrote this prayer in a Beacon article a year or more ago, but I felt it was appropriate to share it again this week as a reminder amidst everything happening around us in the world.



Lord, we affirm our trust in You. Though the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain (Psalm 2:1), we know that You are over all things (Psalm 97:9). Strengthen us in the strength of Your might (Ephesians 6:10), that we may be able to withstand the evil days and shine as bright gospel lights (Matthew 5:14-16) in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, city, and nation.

We recognize that we need Your wisdom (James 1:5) and Your patience (Romans 12:12) each day. Help us to not grow weary in what we have been called to and entrusted with (Galatians 6:9). Help us to be bold and courageous (Joshua 1:8-9), standing on the authority of Your Word as our guide (Psalm 119:105) and for our obedience (2 Timothy 3:16). Remind us that You have given us not a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7).

We pray for our leaders and authorities (1 Timothy 2:1-2) that You would give them wisdom and they would fear You above all else as they make decisions for our thriving (Psalm 111:10). Give us grace and humility to offer our lives as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1) and to walk as citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21).

Help us focus on You, the Author and Perfector of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Thank You, Father, for Your great love (Romans 5:8), mercy (Titus 3:5), grace (John 1:16-17), and peace (Romans 5:1)—all of which come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are loved, prayed for, and appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mark Bethea'.

MARK BETHEA
Senior Pastor



CUBA (June 20-27)
Beau Cooper, David Bethea, David Martin,
Graham Martin, Seth Edwards, Camp Fiore,
Richard Fiore

SOUTHEAST ASIA (May 25-July 6)
Reid Roberts

NEW YORK CITY (ongoing)
Wes & Ashley Costello and Alonza Lewis

UGANDA (ongoing)
Mary Conley Teel

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry

The Ecclesiastes 4 Mentoring Ministry is a six-month event from September to February that will pair women in a mentor/mentee relationship. Register by Sunday, June 29 to Sharon Windham at swindham@montgomeryfbc.org. Mark your calendar for a Kickoff Breakfast on Saturday, August 23 at 9:00 AM.

Apples of Gold will kick off this fall on Tuesday evenings from September 23 through November 4. Meeting in host homes, this mentoring program is for young, married women, based on a book and the passage from Titus 2. Register online at montgomeryfbc.org/events. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 29.

Senior Adult Ministry

Make plans now to join us for our annual trip to the Celebrators Conference, taking place October 13–16, 2025, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This uplifting event features an incredible lineup, including Phil Waldrep, David Jeremiah, The Collingsworth Family, Karen Peck & New River, Mark Lowry & Friends, David Phelps & Band, comedian Jonnie W., and worship leader Charles Billingsley. The cost is \$450 per person and includes conference admission, hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, and transportation. You'll be responsible for your own lunches and dinners. Space is limited to 30 participants, so if you'd like to reserve your spot, visit montgomeryfbc.org/events.

Missions Ministry

There will be an interest meeting for the Brazil Mission Trip on Sunday, June 22, at 11:00 AM in room 347. Due to scheduling conflicts, the trip has been rescheduled for late September. Team



**There will be no
Wednesday Night Supper
on June 25.**

members will have the opportunity to provide input on the exact dates for this nine-day trip. In addition to family activities, we will dedicate the 27th church while we are there. For more information, contact Jim Johnson at 334.799.2978.

Churchwide News + Events

Want to help us reach more people for Christ? Then, join the FBC Broadcast Team! You are welcome at anytime, no experience required. Visit our Broadcast Control Room (located on the 4th floor of the main building) on any Sunday. For more information, contact Amanda Smith (399.6193 or asmith@montgomeryfbc.org) or Rita Tidwell (462.6021 or rtidwell@montgomeryfbc.org).

We are seeking to begin a class on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 AM worship service for Friends with Dementia. This class will provide caregivers with a time of respite to attend worship while their loved one is cared for and engaged with God’s word and love. A new church member, Dr. Fran Morris, also known as the Dementia Whisperer, will lead the class. Volunteers are needed, and no prior experience is necessary. All volunteers will receive training. If you would like to volunteer or you and your loved one would like to participate or receive more information, contact Ed Cleveland at 205.223.6418. The first class date will be determined based on interest and the availability of volunteers.

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter/Statement of Faith

Mr. Benjamin Bell
91 Hambleton Road Apt E
Montgomery, AL 36117

Mr. Dale Freeman
Mrs. Dale Freeman (Christine)
8625 Wynford Place
Montgomery, AL 36117

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, contact Carolyn Bryan at 241.5120 or cbryan@montgomeryfbc.org.

Sympathy Extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Roper (Valencia) in the death of her mother

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hatchett (Allison) in the death of her son Tristan Smith

Mrs. Chuck Whittington (Sharon) in the death of her husband

Capitol Hill Healthcare

Terry Yarbrough

John Knox Manor Rehab

Barbara Smith • Barbara Owen
Patty Roper

UAB Medical Center

Robert Smith

SUMMER

Upcoming Registration Deadlines

Sunday, June 29

Imagination Adventure Trip | July 24 | Grades 1-6

Tuesday, July 1

Newtopia Fun Park | July 9 | Preschool

NEED TO TALK?

The First Baptist Foundation has partnered with five counseling organizations to help individuals and families seek solutions to their problems through professional, discounted counseling services for FBC members. While the Foundation is helping financially, it's important to know that your name is never shared with anyone at FBC, as we value the anonymity of this service. You can receive Christ-centered counseling for children, youth, adults, couples, and families by contacting and scheduling an appointment with one of the organizations listed below. All you have to do is mention your affiliation with First Baptist Montgomery.

Our Partners:

- ✓ Pathways Professional Counseling
866.991.6864
- ✓ Samaritan's Counseling Center
334.262.7787
- ✓ Hope City Counseling
334.721.3592
- ✓ Deep Roots Counseling & Coaching
334.324.6588
- ✓ Sanctuary Counseling & Wellness
334.603.2025

FBC FAITHFULNESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Bible Fellowship: Enrollment 3322 | **Attendance** 1161

Weekly Attendance 1196 | **Discipleship Attendance** 1436

OFFERING

Required Weekly \$140,519.23 | **Received Sunday** \$94,321.95

Required To Date \$3,372,461.52 | **Received To Date** \$2,700,017.09

THIS WEEK AT FBC

Visit montgomeryfbc.org for the complete calendar of events.

Sunday, June 22

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

- 7:45 Prayer Time *(Welcome Center)*
- 8:30 Worship Service
- 9:45 Bible Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Class
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Monday, June 23

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 5:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Tuesday, June 24

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Wednesday, June 25

NO PM SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Thursday, June 26

- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Friday, June 27

- 6:45 Friday Morning Men's Group
- 9:00 Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 Kilby Correctional Facility Service
- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

Saturday, June 28

- 8:00 Daily Prayer Time *(virtual)*

FBC Livestreams

Website

montgomeryfbc.org

Facebook

@montgomeryfirstbaptist

App

First Baptist Church Montgomery

Vimeo

vimeo.com/fbcmontgomery

YouTube

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IN-HOME MINISTRY MEMBERS

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JUNE

Oh, magnify the Lord
with me, and let us exalt
His name together!

Psalms 34:3

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download resources at
montgomeryfbc.org/scripture

Broadcast Schedule

Frazer Channel 13 *(Montgomery & Prattville)*

BrightHouse Channel 122 *(Elmore County)*

Full Hour: Sunday, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Half Hour: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday, 6:00 PM

WSFA-TV Channel 12

Half Hour: Sunday, 10:30 AM

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